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H. R. 5141

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

Mr. SPRATT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST AND**
2 **CONVEYANCE OF MINERAL RIGHTS IN**
3 **FORMER FEDERAL LAND IN SUMTER COUN-**
4 **TY, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The hiking trail known as the Palmetto
7 Trail traverses the Manchester State Forest in Sum-
8 ter County, South Carolina, which is owned by the
9 South Carolina State Commission of Forestry on be-
10 half of the State of South Carolina.

11 (2) The Commission seeks to widen the Pal-
12 metto Trail by acquiring a corridor of land along the
13 northeastern border of the trail from the Anne
14 Marie Carton Boardman Trust in exchange for a
15 tract of former Federal land now owned by the Com-
16 mission.

17 (3) At the time of the conveyance of the former
18 Federal land to the Commission in 1955, the United
19 States retained a reversionary interest in the land,
20 which now prevents the land exchange from being
21 completed.

22 (b) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

23 (1) RELEASE REQUIRED.—In the case of the
24 tract of land identified as Tract 3 on the map num-
25 bered 161–DI and further described in paragraph
26 (2), the Secretary of Agriculture shall release the re-

1 revisionary interest of the United States in the land
2 that—

3 (A) requires that the land be used for pub-
4 lic purposes; and

5 (B) is contained in the deed conveying the
6 land from the United States to the South Caro-
7 lina State Commission of Forestry, dated June
8 28, 1955, and recorded in Deed Drawer No. 6
9 of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South
10 Carolina.

11 (2) MAP OF TRACT 3.—Tract 3 is generally de-
12 picted on the map numbered 161–DI, entitled
13 “Boundary Survey for South Carolina Forestry
14 Commission”, dated August 1998, and filed, to-
15 gether with a legal description of the tract, with the
16 South Carolina State Commission of Forestry.

17 (3) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the
18 release of the revisionary interest under paragraph
19 (1), the State of South Carolina shall transfer to the
20 United States a vested future interest, similar to the
21 restriction described in paragraph (1)(A), in the
22 tract of land identified as Parcel G on the map num-
23 bered 225–HI, entitled “South Carolina Forestry
24 Commission Boardman Land Exchange”, dated
25 June 9, 1999, and filed, together with a legal de-

1 scription of the tract, with the South Carolina State
2 Commission of Forestry.

3 (c) EXCHANGE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—

4 (1) EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—Subject to any
5 valid existing rights of third parties, the Secretary of
6 the Interior shall convey to the South Carolina State
7 Commission of Forestry on behalf of the State of
8 South Carolina all of the undivided mineral rights of
9 the United States in the Tract 3 identified in sub-
10 section (b)(1) in exchange for mineral rights of
11 equal value held by the State of South Carolina in
12 the Parcel G identified in subsection (b)(3) as well
13 as in Parcels E and F owned by the State and also
14 depicted on the map referred to in subsection (b)(3).

15 (2) DETERMINATION OF MINERAL CHAR-
16 ACTER.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
17 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Inte-
18 rior shall determine—

19 (A) the mineral character of Tract 3 and
20 Parcels E, F, and G; and

21 (B) the fair market value of the mineral
22 interests.

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